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Serial No. : 09/778,672 Examiner : Q. Janice Li
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ACTION DATED OCTOBER 4, 2002

In response to the action dated October 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the title

Replace the title with the following:

-- BACTERIAL AGENTS FOR ALLERGY TREATMENT --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 34 and 40 without prejudice.

Amend claims 24, 35, 36, 43, and 44 as follows:

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24. (Amended) A method of decreasing the production of IgE in a subject exposed to a dust mite allergen, the method comprising:
orally administering to a subject a non-pathogenic, Gram-positive bacterium that comprises (i) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a dust mite allergen and (ii) a promoter operably linked to the nucleotide sequence; and
expressing the allergen in the subject in an amount sufficient to suppress allergen-specific IgE production in the subject upon subsequent exposure to the allergen.

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